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1. A meeting was held in the office of the State Planning Commission on 23 April 1951. The meeting was attended by Oberreferent Dreyer (fnu) and Oberreferent Beerbaum (fnu) of the Department for Mineral Oils and Carbon Products, Main Administration for Chemical Products in the Ministry of Heavy Industry; and by department chief Libigt (fnu) and Referentin Mrs. Haase (fnu) of the State Planning Commission. The construction of a coking plant in the Ironworks Combine East in Furstenberg/Oder (O 53/C 71) will allegedly be started immediately and extensive funds have been allocated. It is planned to produce 47,000 tons of coal tar per year by 1955. The coal tar will be processed in a tar distillation plant to be built in the Combine. This would make it unnecessary to construct a similar plant in Luetzkendorf (M 52/D 80).

2. The Soviet Zone annual coal tar production is scheduled to be 192,000 tons by 1955. At present the tar-processing plants have the following capacity:

Erkner (N 53/V 14) Plant 80,000 tons per year (The capacity of this plant will decrease due to the obsolescence of its equipment.)

Greiner Plant in Doebern 5,000 tons per year
(N 52/K 79)

Schiewerk Plant in Velten 4,000 tons per year
(N 53/Z 66)

Gotha (M 51/J 06) Plant 4,000 tons per year (Not considered in the plan)

Riedel Plant in Rostock 5,000 tons per year
(M 55/O 81)

VEB Plant in Mecklenburg 4,000 tons per year

The proposed coal tar distillation installation in the Combine East must have an annual capacity of 100,000 tons. The location would be unfavorable because supplies have to come mainly from the Saxon gasworks. *

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. It has been repeatedly reported that it was planned to build a coking plant in the Ironworks Combine East (EKO) in Fuerstenberg/Oder. To date there is no reliable information that the construction of this coking plant has actually started. Judging from the reported coal tar production, about 1.5 million tons of hard coal are scheduled to be processed by this proposed coking plant. The Saxon gasworks would have to supply about 50,000 tons of coal tar to Fuerstenberg in order to fully utilize the capacity of this tar distillation plant. The Tar Distillation and Chemical Factory in Erkner is a VEB. [REDACTED] The Riedel Roofing Felt Factory Hans Burchard in Rostock, the Oswald Creiner Chemical Factory in Doebeln and the Schiewerk & Co. Plant for Chemical Tar Products in Velten are private enterprises. The tar-processing plants in Gotha and Mecklenburg are unknown.

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